

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**August 21, 2015**

**Great news from the Library... E-books are here!!** With your library card and pin, E-books can now be downloaded to ***Kindles, iPads, Nooks, or other tablets.*** Simply visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org) or call the library at 983-1493 for more information.

**Dates to Remember:**

September 7, 2015 – Labor Day - City Offices Closed – no residential garbage pickup  
September 9, 2015 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board  
September 17, 2015 – City Commission Workshop  
September 21, 2015 – City Commission Meeting  
September 28, 2015 – Final Budget Hearing

**Staff Reports**

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- Remember to visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org) Your library has a lot to offer.
- Try A to Z database which can do all the following:
  - a) Provide information on 30 Million Businesses & Executives.
  - b) Search by Type of Business, Employee Size, Sales, Geography, & more.
  - c) Provide information for **1.1 Million Healthcare Professionals by allowing you to** search by Specialty, state of license, Geography, & more.
  - d) Produce information for 220 Million Residents searching by income, geography, & Home Value.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Officers responded to a shooting on South San Pedro Tuesday Night. The victim was struck once in the torso. He was flown out to a Ft. Myers hospital, but the wound was later classified as non-life threatening and he was released the following day. Officers have obtained an arrest warrant for the shooting suspect, b/m Dudley Gary.
- Patrol has made multiple DUI and Drug Possession arrests this week. The “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign begins statewide this week. The CPD is participating in the effort.
- CID arrested w/f Helen Thomas in connection with the burglary of a residence on East Del Monte last month. Detectives have arrest warrants for two other suspects and other arrests are possible as the case unfolds.
- Officers responded to a motorcycle crash on private property early in the week. The 8 year old was riding without a helmet when he lost control and struck his head on an

object. The child was transported via life flight to an East Coast trauma center where he was admitted in critical condition.

- I will be attending Judge Scott Cupp's investiture Friday afternoon in Labelle.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

<b>1119</b>	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
<b>626</b>	Complaints Investigated
<b>19</b>	Traffic Citations issued
<b>28</b>	Arrests Made
<b>65</b>	Merchant Escorts Provided
<b>22</b>	Alarms Responded To
<b>14</b>	City Ordinance / Code Violations
<b>11</b>	Rental Inspections
<b>4</b>	Traffic Accidents Investigated

#### **Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Traps are still catching around 800 mosquitoes. Our spray schedule of twice weekly continues. In light of the frequent rains, please remember to check your property for containers holding water. Surprisingly, all it takes for mosquitoes to lay eggs is a small amount of water such as the amount that would be trapped in a paper cup lying on its side.
- Street Maintenance:
  - New bridge markers were installed on San Luiz at Alverde.
  - The contractor working at the Boat Basin has been stopped from working until some issues can be resolved.
  - New school signs were installed in the area around the Elementary Schools.
- US27 Rebuild: **Project began on June 15, 2015.** Day 66 of 150 - traffic control devices, pedestrian crossing, guard rail replacement and a foot bridge are still in progress. Work is occurring on the east end of town during the day, while cutting in traffic loops is happening in the evening.
- West Pasadena Project: Three bids were received and opened on Thursday, August 13th. After reviewing all the bids, a determination was made to rebid the project.
- Civic Park Rebuild: Due to the weather, conditions in the park have been unfavorable for work. Once everything dries out, the plan is to start again.
- Veterans Memorial Fund raiser: **Members of the local Elks Club and City staff are selling tickets for a rack of the Elks Club's "Famous Ribs". All proceeds will go toward the park rebuild.** Please get involved. Everyone either knows someone who has served or is serving. Let's HONOR them in a way that will last forever.
- CDD canal maintenance: The District will be cleaning out three canals in Clewiston. Canal #3 (behind football field & Circle Drive), Canal #6 (San Diego) and the Lopez Canal.
- Long Range Plans: The Annual "Spring Cleaning" is scheduled for March 5, 2016 and the Sugar Festival is scheduled for March 19, 2016. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. These are definitely events you don't want to miss.

#### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:**

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.**
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.**
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.**

**If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department to file a report.**

- The Water/Sewer crew has been very busy this week with repairs to the main lift station and changing out pumps at lift stations on Arkansas, Kentucky, Bayberry Loop and the Sugarland Sports Complex.
- The Electric crew trimmed trees on Olympia, Francisco and Avenida Del Rio. They're also auditing security lights to make sure we don't have any lights that aren't being billed. Three lightning arrestors were installed on San Deigo Street. Two employees are attending Lineman School this week in Adel, Georgia.
- Effective October 1, 2015 Clewiston Utilities will no longer mail the yellow reminder/late notice.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You can also update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you're considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for these items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl).